

that she was going straight down to her kill. Suddenly we heard loud footsteps just in front of us. I nudged my friend and put on the light. As my friend aptly said afterwards a wall of stripes stood before us and uncomfortably close (we measured the distance afterwards and found it was barely 2 yards). My friend pointed the rifle at the tigress's shoulder and fired. The tigress leapt high into the air and cantered down the hill with her tail straight up in the air like a frightened calf, and plunged blindly into the bushes. We were both certain she had been hit as it would have been impossible to miss at that range. Then we both decided that tiger shooting from the ground wasn't such an attractive sport as it had seemed previously, and so we both slithered down the steep hillside and keeping a careful watch in front and behind we went home as fast as we could.

The following morning we made a search and my friend found the tigress dead about fifty yards from where she had been shot at.

She was a fine animal in wonderful condition and measured eight feet ten inches.

When I was skinning her I found that she had about 25 porcupine quills in both her fore feet and in her chest. The biggest piece was two inches long. One of them had turned septic and must have hurt her when she walked. This was probably the reason for her taking to killing donkeys and cattle.

I must state here that the probable reason for the tigress not being frightened when I fired at her twice before, is that she was probably used to hearing rock being blasted all day long and so didn't bother much. Her cub which had been seen with her is still at large and has already attempted to kill a cow.

HIGHWAYS ESTATE,

CUMBUM P.O.,

MADURA DIST.

22nd March 1947.

A. F. HUITON.

4.—WEIGHT OF BULL BISON.

A few years ago I gave details of weights of a few Bison, Sambhur, Tiger, Panther and Bear shot in this area. (S. India). The heaviest Bison then recorded was one weighing 1,900 lbs., shot in February 1937. I have since weighed (piecemeal) the largest bull Bison I have ever seen shot, on the 4th of March 1947. This animal weighed 2,071 lbs; in other words 1 ton less 169 lbs..

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ATTIKAN P.O.,

VIA. MYSORE, (S. INDIA).

7th March 1947.

R. C. MORRIS..

Since writing the above I am able to add the following:—

Two bull Bison which were shot on the 15th and 17th March 1947, weighed as follows:—

1,297 lbs. (Young bull).

2,049 .. (Old ..).

R.C.M.